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Attorney General Laxalt Announces Sentencing of Medicaid Provider

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced that Michiko Nicole Martin, 34, of Las Vegas, was sentenced last week for Medicaid fraud. The judge sentenced Martin on one gross misdemeanor charge of intentional failure to maintain adequate records. The fraud was committed between May 2012 and July 2013.

"Martin intentionally misused the Medicaid reimbursement system for her own gain," said Laxalt. "This office will continue to investigate and prosecute fraudulent Medicaid providers to ensure the most vulnerable members of our society receive much needed services, and that taxpayers are not fleeced."

Eighth Judicial District Court Judge Douglas E. Smith sentenced Martin to 364 days in prison, suspended, and placed her on probation for three years. As part of her sentence, Martin was ordered to pay \$9,167 in restitution and to perform 100 hours of community service.

The investigation began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received information that Martin had allegedly not provided services while employed by four behavioral health companies. The investigation revealed that she had submitted inaccurate claims for services that did not occur, contained conflicting times, or were for services that were not for the length of time she noted in her records.

On behalf of the attorney general and the state, the MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation. Anyone wishing to report suspicious activities regarding any related fraud may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

To view the criminal Information, click here. To file a complaint with our office, click here.

This case was prosecuted by Andrew Schulke, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

